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FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS TOOK
PLACE IN THAILAND LATE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 3, AFTER
TRANSMISSION OF REF A. 229 PERSONS DETAINED IN COURSE OF
RIOTING AT THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY OCT 6, 1976. WERE RELEASED
UNCONDITIONALLY. COURT ORDER LISTED 547 PERSONS FOR RELEASE,
BUT 318 HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN RELEASED ON BAIL, LEAVING 229
PHYSICALLY SET FREE MARCH 3. 22 OF THOSE RELEASED MARCH 3
WERE YOUNG WOMEN, MOSTLY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS OR OF UNIVERSITY
AGE.

RELEASES OF MARCH 3 FOLLOWED RELEASE OF 44 DETAINEES
HELD SINCE OCT 6, IN LATE FEBRUARY (PARA 3, REF A). TOTAL
NUMBER OF PERSONS STILL HELD WHO WERE ARRESTED OCT NOW APPEARS
TO TOTAL 63, PLUS ABOUT 100 PRISONERS HELD ON
POLITICAL CHARGES UNDER NARC ORDER 22, FOR TOTAL OF
163. THIS IS CLOSE TO FIGURE OF "ABOUT 143" USED IN PARA
3 OF REF A. THERE ARE MINOR DISCREPANCIES IN FIGURES OF
DETAINEES NOW HELD ON ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL CHARGES, WHICH
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WE WILL ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE IN NEXT FEW DAYS. HOWEVER,
MAIN POINT IS THAT THAILAND NOW HOLDS SMALL NUMBER OF
"POLITICAL" PRISONERS, GREAT MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE LIKELY
TO BE RELEASED IN NEAR FUTURE OR BROUGHT TO TRIAL.
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